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Jails

Number of prisoners sent to Andamans.

* 1963 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. Swami : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) the number of prisoners—volunteer convicts and others—sent to the Andamans for colonization in each of the years from the time the colonization was started ;

(b) how many of them, if any, died in each year and from what disease or diseases in general ; and

(c) what the present strength is ?

A.—(a) to (c) The Government have no information.

Mr. S. Satyamurti :—" May I know why the Government have got no information as to the volunteer convicts and others sent to the Andamans for colonization ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—" Because the exact number is not with the Government. It is with the Inspector-General and other officers."

Mr. S. Satyamurti :—" (I believe they also serve under this Government.) May I know whether Government will call for the information ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—" I shall consider the suggestion."

Dietary charges for the non-Indian prisoners

* 1964 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. Swami : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) the dietary charges for each of the non-Indian prisoners including Anglo-Indians in jails per month on an average ; and

(b) the dietary charges for each of the others per month ?

A.—(a) About Rs. 13–3–7.
(b) About Rs. 4–13–6.

Mr. K. V. R. Swami :—" With reference to clause (b), the expenditure is shown to be Rs. 4–13–6. In the other case it is Rs. 13–3–7. Seeing there is such a disparity between the two items, will the hon. the Law Member take steps to increase the charges for that class ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—" It depends on the habits of the class."

Mr. S. Satyamurti :—" May I know what the difference is due to—spending Rs. 13–3–7, almost three times the amount, on non-Indian prisoners and only Rs. 4 and odd on Indian prisoners ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—" It is due to the habits of life to which they are accustomed."

Mr. S. Satyamurti :—" Does the figure Rs. 4–13–6 bear any proportion to the habits of the prisoners before they were convicted ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :— " Yes, Sir."

Mr. S. Satyamurti :—" May I know if the Government have come to a conclusion that the average Indian who gets into the jail spends only Rs. 4–13–6 ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—" Only about that amount, Sir."

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao :—" May I know if the Government before they select the food for each individual prisoner consider the question as to what is the habit of the prisoner before he came to the jail and then give the food that he was used to ?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—" Yes, Sir."

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao :—" In that case, are the Government maintaining a record for each prisoner and have they got the record of enquiry made with regard to the food each prisoner was taking before he got into jail ?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—" I believe the Superintendent of the Jail has that, but for a specific and accurate answer, I want notice."

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao :—" May I know if the food given to Indians is the same for all Indians or it differs in each case according to the status and station in life to which each individual belonged before ?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—" When they are placed in special divisions the foods differ; for other classes the food is the same."

Dr. B. S. Mallayya :—" Will the hon. the Law Member live on Rs. 4–13–6 ?"

The hon. the President :—" The question does not arise. (Laughter)."

Mr. J. A. Saldanha :—" What are the ingredients on which this Rs. 4–13–6 is based ?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—" Notice, Sir."

Mr. Sami Venkatachalam Chetti :—" Are those non-Indians placed in the special division ?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—" No, Sir."

Mr. Sami Venkatachalam Chetti :—" If not, why should there be such difference as between Rs. 13–3–7 and Rs. 4–13–6 ?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—" I have already answered the question."

Mr. K. V. R. Swami :—" May I know whether there are any Indians in the special division ?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—" Notice."

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao :—" May I know whether the hon. the Law Member is aware that in the habits of food there is not much difference to-day as between an ordinary Indian and the class of non-Indian prisoners that go to jail ?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—" I do not know that."

Mr. C. V. Venkataramana Ayyangar :—" May I know if this enquiry referred to by the hon. Member has reference only to the staple grain such as rice or ragi and does not take into account the other portions of the diet ?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" I do not understand what my hon. Friend means by 'other portions'."

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" Vegetables, butter milk, etc ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" Butter milk is not supplied in the jail."

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" Yes ; I ask if any prisoner is accustomed to it is he given ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" Butter milk is not supplied, and as I stated the other day, the class of people from whom the prisoners are drawn do not use butter milk."

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" May I know if any enquiry was made as to whether butter milk can be supplied ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" Notice."

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" May I know if the health of a political prisoner in Coimbatore suffered for want of butter milk ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" In the case of special prisoners, the diet to which they are accustomed is being supplied."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" Who are special prisoners ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" The prisoners placed in the special division by the Magistrate."

Strength of special division prisoners.

*1965 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) how many special divisional prisoners there are at present ;

(b) when the class called 'special divisional prisoners' was started ; and

(c) how many, if any, have been put in this class in each year since it was started ?

A.—(a) to (c) The Government have no information but have called for it.

Admission of Sjt. Bulusu Sambamurti in the special division.

*1966 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether Sjt. Bulusu Sambamurti was ordered by the convicting court to be placed in the special division ; and

(b) whether the Government have confirmed such orders, if any ?

A.—(a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I know if the Government have considered placing Mr. Sambamurti in the special division ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" It is left to the Magistrate. He did not ask the Magistrate. The Magistrate did not place him in that division."